

## April 13 Board Meeting

Attendance: Cathy Webb, Tom Hanks, Jennifer Altena, Linda Fitzgerald, Virg Rayton, Jim Siscel, Rita Requa, and Karen McElliott, acting secretary.

Cathy Webb called the meeting to order and lead the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of March Board Minutes: The minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved as previously amended.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported that there was \$47,322.33 in the checking account, \$19,130.81 in the Washington Federal SKSR Scholarship savings account, and \$100,705.08 in the Edward Jones Winnie Smith. The SKSR CD was \$74,521.54. Winner Smith interest to date is \$7,165.61. Accounts are moving up more than down. SKSR received \$2,799 in WSSRA rebates for a total of \$24,989.50 so far this year.

Legislative Report: Jim received an email that morning from Tim Knopf stating that all WSSRAs bills had passed their deadlines.

Membership Report: Currently, SKSR has 1,382 members, up 14 from last month and up 19 from last April. According to Michele Hunter, there is at least one member pending; Jim said, based on the new membership forms that he has forwarded, there are probably an additional seven that will be processed by the end of the month.

Educator Grants: Karen reported that about 20 grantees have responded about the status of their grants. No one has reported any problems accessing their funds; one person hasn't accessed her account yet. She also reported that she had communicated with Lydia Selig, Edmonds' Executive Director of Business and Finance about the district's new Grant and Donation Request for Approval form which new year's SKSR recipients would be required to submit and be approved. The approval committee has decided that SKSR recipients will be exempt from this and will add SKSR to the list of pre-approved granting organizations.

Health Report: Robin continues to write articles for the *Bulletin*. Rita mentioned that WSSRA would like units to send in their health reports for

use by other units without a health chair and commented that Robin's excellent articles should be forwarded to WSSRA.

Scholarships: Linda reported that the scholarship committee received seven applications from which they selected the following recipients:

- Marin Cady (Shorewood) who plans on attending Lewis-Clark
- Sophia Calandrillo (Shorewood) who plans to attend UCLA
- Becca Hershey (EWS) who plans to attend Gonzaga
- Sara Lawson (Inglemoor) who plans to attend Boise State

The first three recipients will be attending the April Lunch; each is bringing family members. Linda also added that next year's application will include a question asking the applicant's reason for selecting the college of their choice. Linda also reported that Keith has confirmed that seven students are applying for Winnie Smith scholarships for next year; none are in the class of 2020. He also reported that one of last year's SKSR recipients has not responded to any of his attempts to contact her about her status.

Sunshine Report: Barbara reported that she had sent caring cards to Evie Norden (broken collar bone) and Dave Johnson (hip replacement) as well as sympathy cards to Jim Bateman on the loss of his daughter and to the family of Carol Anderson.

Records: Erma reported five new cash members, who she believes have become members through AMBA. During March she sent out messages for upcoming April events and for the WA Kids in Transition work party. She also reported having 1085 email addresses and 319 members receiving mailed *Bulletins*.

Website: Jim reported the website is up to date.

NW-1 Report: Jim reported that nine SKSR members attended the March NW-1 meeting either in person or via zoom. Topics included the Pasco Convention, the upcoming WSSRA webinars (which are now posted on its website), PEBB listening sessions about members' health care concerns. Maryann Harvey spoke about the Foundation's decision to move its money to lessen management fees and that if members donate their MRDs to WSSRA, those MRDs are non-taxable. Rita spoke about the recommended changes to the bylaws. They nominated Kay Bishop as president elect and Tom Harvey as NW-1 Board Representative.

March Field Trip Report: Eighteen people attended the guided tour of the Seattle Asian Art Museum on March 24. Our guide Suzanne Ragen was very knowledgeable; she guided us through six rooms and highlighted one or two pieces in each. The tour lasted about an hour, and then people were able to explore on their own.

March ESD Retirement Seminars: Jim stated that 70-80 employees attended each of the four evening seminars. He picked up one new member. He also stated that the district was happy to have SKSR's assistance.

April Luncheon: Cathy explained that currently there are 35 people signed up for the April Lunch (including 10 guests coming for the scholarship introductions). She has volunteers for the set-up, still needs one more person to help with the serving (Jennifer volunteered to switch from set up to serving) and needed people to help with the clean-up; Karen volunteered herself and her husband.

WA Kids in Transition: Virg reported that Saturday, April 15 is the deadline for donations; the Board has authorized a \$500 donation, and Tom has received \$525 from individual members. The week of April 17, Cathy and Virg will present the check. Saturday 29 is the day for bagging art supplies; currently 10 people are signed up; Virg will have a sign-up sheet at April's lunch. There were some glitches in communication: the announcement that was to go in the *Bulletin* had to be emailed instead.

May Luncheon: SKSR has received a \$276 contract for room use at the Shoreline Center. A May *Bulletin* article and email reminders are ready to go.

Convention: Seven members are planning to attend: Jennifer, Rita, Virg, Jim, Cathy, Karen, and Dave McElliott. Jennifer and the McElliotts will both be driving; Jim said the mileage rate is \$0.655 per mile. The rest will fly. Jim has booked the rooms and passed out room assignments. Jennifer will transport the two baskets. Jim has purchased the basket contents: 6 bottles of wine (chocolate, red, and chardonnay) plus Ghirardelli hot cocoa mixes and two gift cards at a total cost of \$187.

Audit: Jim reported that an audit needs to be performed before the change in treasurer. Dave Johnson, who has done this in the past, is unavailable. Jim said he would ask Don Denton, another member of the Finance Committee. This needs to happen by the beginning of July.

Membership Incentives: Jim reported on the WSSRA Membership Meeting held April 4 during which four incentive options being offered in 2023-24 were discussed. After the Board reviewed the options, it was decided that SKSR preferred the option of offering \$15 Starbucks/Amazon cards/cash incentives to new enrollees who sign up at an official unit event. This would replace the current \$10 rebate. Jim recommended Starbucks cards and stated that Starbucks usually offers discounted bulk card purchase in Nov/Dec which would be the time we would need them.

Bulletin to Schools in September: Jim reported that in January the Seattle unit mailed copies of their journals to their schools. Jim would like to adapt this practice to our districts: In the last three years, there are 24 schools in ESD, 28 in NSD, and 6 SSD where SKSR has not made a presentation. He is recommending that we print three additional copies of the September *Bulletin* for each (160 total copies), and that we collate packets for each school containing 3 *Bulletins*, 6 membership forms, 6 trifold, 1 cover letter signed by Cathy Webb, and a post-able grant announcement. The packets will be sent to each school's principal.

The Travelling Tea Bags: Jim recommended that we consider having The Travelling Tea Bags cater an SKSR event next year. Sno-Isle had them cater one of its events, and it was very successful (60 attendees). The cost has been \$20 per person. Jim read a list of offerings including scones, sandwiches, fruit, cookies, desserts, and teas. The ideal location to host this event would be the Shoreline Center. This will be discussed further at the Planning Retreat.

Michele Hunter Recognition: Jim spoke to Alan Burke about SKSR presenting a certificate of recognition to Michele Hunter at Convention for all her hard work. Alan countered that he would arrange for Michele to be at the SKSR picnic, and we could present it to her there. The Board agreed that this would be better.

Honor from Edmonds SD: Jim reported that Rebecca Miner sent Jim and Robert emails notifying them that WASA (Washington Association of

School Administrators) is awarding SKSR with its Community Leadership Award. The presentation will be Apr 27.

Cathy will lead the May Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen McElliott